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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 78-8 (Fin. Mgt. Services)

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
FISCAL OFFICERS
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICERS
COUNTY AUDITORS

SUBJECT: Chapter 1107 of the Statutes of 1977 (AB 922) Homemaker/Chore
Claiming

REFERENCE:

This is to provide fiscal claiming instructions for county welfare administrative expense for provisions of Chapter 1107 of the Statutes of 1977 relative to Homemaker/Chore services, i.e., In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), to the severely impaired individual. All previous correspondence to the counties referred to AB 922 which is Chapter 1107 of the Statutes of 1977. In order to avoid confusion, we will continue to use AB 922 Homemaker/Chore as the name of this new program. Program instructions were previously provided in an all-county Social Services Letter No. 78-15 issued by Department of Health on March 1, 1978.

AB 922 became effective January 1, 1978, and provides State funding for Homemaker/Chore services and for continuing Medi-Cal eligibility for severely impaired individuals who (1) were once eligible for SSI/SSP benefits as disabled individuals but were discontinued because they engaged in substantial gainful activity, (2) continue to suffer from mental or physical impairments which were the basis of the disability determination, and (3) meet the definition of severely impaired in accordance with IHSS regulations.

Homemaker/Chore services provided to these individuals are not eligible for federal financial participation. Therefore, costs to be recorded for this new group of eligibles must be accounted for separately from current Homemaker/Chore costs.

Time Study Instructions

We recognize that activities associated with implementing the AB 922 Program performed during the remainder of the January-March 1978 quarter will occur outside the February time study month. Therefore, no time study instructions will be included in this letter. Time study instructions relative to AB 922 will be issued effective with the April-June 1978 administrative expense claiming letter at a later date.

DIRECT COSTS

For the January-March 1978 quarter, the following direct costs are to be identified and claimed to AB 922 on the DFA 325.3, Group III, A2, Operating, or A3, Purchase of Service, whichever is applicable.

1. Homemaker/Chore payments made directly to the severely impaired AB 922 recipient.
2. Payments made to individuals under contract to the welfare department who provide Homemaker/Chore services to AB 922 recipients.
3. Salaries and benefits of part-time hourly Homemaker/Chore workers who are employees of the welfare department; who are not fully vested employees under Merit System standards; and who are engaged in providing Homemaker/Chore services to AB 922 recipients.
4. Payments made to contract agencies for the provision of Homemaker/Chore services to AB 922 recipients.

MEDICAL DETERMINATIONS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY FOR AB 922 HOMEMAKER/CHORE SERVICES

Procedures for determining if an applicant is eligible for AB 922 Homemaker/Chore services are set forth in Options A and B contained in Social Services Letter 78-5 dated January 17, 1978. If after completing these procedures it is the county's judgment that further verification is necessary, counties should follow procedures contained in Section four (4) of Attachment "A" of Social Services Letter 78-5.

MEDI-CAL COSTS

AB 922 recipients will maintain their Medi-Cal eligibility. Vendor costs relating to those cases will be tracked by the State via their individual Medi-Cal card numbers. The purpose of this tracking is to provide information for use in maintaining state records for audit and reporting purposes. Administrative costs of Medi-Cal activities relative to AB 922 cases should be immaterial. In addition, there is no special funding for medical costs. Therefore, counties will not be required to separately identify those costs on the administrative expense claim.

CASE COUNT ON THE DFA 325.2A, A, ADULT HOMEMAKER/CHORE SERVICES

AB 922 Homemaker/Chore cases must be separately identified from SSI/SSP Homemaker/Chore cases on the DFA 325.2A. There is no separate line provided for that purpose in this portion of the claim. Therefore, Line D, Severely Impaired cases, must be split to report AB 922 Severely Impaired cases separately from SSI/SSP Severely Impaired cases.

SERVICES MODIFICATION WORKSHEET, PART I, SSI/SSP HOMEMAKER/CHORE, DFA 327.3

Costs for severely impaired AB 922 Homemaker/Chore cases must be reported separately from those of severely impaired SSI/SSP Homemaker/Chore cases. Lines F and G must be split and AB 922 costs from the DFA 327.3, Group III A2 and A3 entered accordingly. The maximum allowance per case per month of \$577 for severely impaired is applicable to AB 922 cases.

SUMMARIZING AB 922 HOMEMAKER/CHORE COSTS FOR PAYMENT ON THE DFA 327.6 AND DFA 327.9

Costs for severely impaired AB 922 Homemaker/Chore cases should be carried forward from the DFA 327.3 and entered on the DFA 327.6 and 327.9 as a separate line item. Since there is no line provided for this purpose on the DFA 327.6, the county must use the TOTAL line by blocking out the word TOTAL, labelling that line as AB 922 Homemaker/Chore, and entering the costs in the appropriate columns. AB 922 Homemaker/Chore is 100 percent state funded. Therefore, Columns 4 and 6 should be blocked out on the new SB 922 line. A new line must then be drawn to display the grand totals. The above process must be repeated on the DFA 327.9 except that costs on the DFA 327.9 for AB 922 must be brought forward from the DFA 327.6.

AB 922 HOMEMAKER/CHORE FUNDING

Homemaker/Chore costs incurred by the counties through provisions of AB 922 will be reimbursed 100 percent out of the current State Homemaker/Chore budget. Medi-Cal costs will be funded out of current Medi-Cal funds at the normal sharing rate.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please call Laura Williams, Judy Thompson, Mark Salomon, or your Fiscal Representative at 916/445-7046.

Sincerely,


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